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Desirability of Church Membership.

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There are vast numbers of people who believe in the message of Jesus Christ and yet have not attached themselves to any of the existing churches. Such people commonly argue that they can be equally as sincere outside of the church as within it, and therefore that by refraining from church membership they are not jeopardizing their opportunities of reward. It is to these people that I desire to make an especial appeal. While it cannot be doubted that every child of God, whether

Rapid Growth of Mormon Church.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, unto every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14 : 6.

The angel has flown, resulting in the restoration of the gospel, and the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints which is promulgating the gospel to the peoples of the world. It was organized April the sixth, eighteen hundred thirty, with six members, and in 100 years it has survived intense persecution and has grown to more than six hundred thousand.

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within the church or without, will be rewarded in strict conformity with merit, yet it is equally certain that church membership is an unquestionable boon to every person who is faithful in the performance of his duties therewith. I have no thought of minimizing the fact that true worth rather than church membership is the basic feature upon which future rewards will be given—indeed, I myself am an ardent advocate of this doctrine—yet I confidently believe that non-churchmen, generally speaking, are failing to make the most of their opportunities. It is to this particular phase of the subject that I now direct my remarks.

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ACTIVITY.

If for no other reason, church membership is justified by the opportunities for religious development which it affords; for, all arguments to the contrary, man can progress faster in connection with organized and concerted effort than elsewhere. It is to meet precisely a similar condition in the secular affairs of life that schools and colleges are organized throughout the land. Thus if the believing non-churchman were consistent in his attitude he would deny himself the privilege of attending college on the ground that equally satisfactory progress could be made at home.

Moreover, it should be kept in mind that individual progress is largely a matter of individual effort. Accordingly, church membership with its almost infinite opportunities for personal participation is not in any sense comparable to the sporadic efforts of isolated believers. Opportunities for organized and intelligent effort are equally as necessary to the believer in God as they are to the student of medicine, or law, or engineering. A civilized country could dispense with its schools as readily as with its churches. In this connection I am not forgetting that occasionally "self-made" men equal or even excel those who have attended college, likewise, that believing non-churchmen occasionally reach a degree of efficiency not possessed by the average churchman, but in both cases these are exceptions.

OBLIGATIONS TO OTHERS.

Of equal importance to the foregoing is the fact that man has certain obligations

to his fellows which he cannot discharge by isolating himself from them. The question of man's responsibility to his brother is as old as history itself. The negative side of the question has been defended by the few and the positive by the many. The fact remains that in the complex society of modern times man cannot live for himself alone. The opportunities and conveniences that surround him are the product of the combined action of many agencies. He cannot do his part in the scheme of progress merely by living within himself; he must contribute to the welfare of his associate human beings, otherwise he is not carrying his just part of the responsibility. Shall I say that he is a leaner rather than a lifter?

"MY BROTHER'S KEEPER."

What think ye my hearers of the following? The speaker's professional duties frequently require him to accompany large groups of geology students in the examination of mining and other properties. Before entering the mines I invariably warn my students of the dangers attendant upon such activities, more especially while they are upon the ladders, for not infrequently the ladders are in a bad state of repair, rounds broken or missing. Without my mentioning the desirability of it, the students invariably assume a mutual interest in one another, and whenever a danger is discovered by one of them he immediately passes warning on to the others.

Even now as I speak to you I can visualize a long line of my youthful companions on a mine ladder. The jetty darkness of the damp air is faintly illuminated by a few flickering candles carried by the slowly moving students. Progress is hampered not only by the slippery nature of the ladders but by the occasional presence of faulty rounds. Even now I hear echoing and re-echoing through the darkness, "Look out, here's a broken round; look out, here's a broken round," repeated again and again as each successive student passes the point of danger.

Yes, I have had as many as fifty students on a single vertical ladder, when a misstep on the part of any one of them would hurl him five hundred feet into the inky darkness of the shaft below. More-

over if the student who missed his step was near the top of the line, many of those below him would be stripped from the ladder and suffer a similar fate.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

I have always keenly felt my responsibility in this matter, and have thought of the overwhelming criticism and condemnation that would justly await me, if, because of my negligence, one of these splendid young men should be missing upon my return. But I hear someone remark that my position as instructor makes me directly responsible for the entire group. Granted! But what would you think of one of the students who knowingly permitted a companion to suffer death without extending a note of warning? Would his argument that he had no responsibility for the group appease the criticism of the stricken parents? Would the people of the state and the nation hold him blameless? Just so, when the children of God return to the presence of the Father and one of them is missing or under-developed because of the negligence of those who knew him, what will fairness demand? No one needs a reply.

Church membership therefore not only provides opportunity for personal development in connection with concerted plans for good but it enables the individual to meet some of the obligations which he has to others. Christians, separated from church activity, cannot fully discharge their duties in this respect, either to themselves or to the public at large.

If, as just explained, membership is highly advantageous in connection with the average sectarian church, what can be said of it in connection with a church divinely organized and authorized to act in the name of God? I speak, of course, concerning the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, organized in 1830 under direct commandment of the Lord, and vested with the right to perform whatever ordinances are necessary for the salvation of man in the kingdom of the Father.

INITIATORY REQUIREMENTS.

According to Divine instruction the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are (1) Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; (2) Repentance; (3) Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and (4) Laying

on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. The Latter-day Saint does not claim to know the reason for all of these requirements, except, of course, that God has given commandment concerning them. His attitude of obedient compliance is closely simulated in other human activities. Consider, for example, the utilization of the modern radio. About the only thing that the average person knows concerning this "miracle of the air" is that when the switch is turned and the dial is adjusted the device responds. The Latter-day Saint is equally as confident concerning results, for he knows from experience that when he complies with certain requirements his life is enriched thereby.

INCORRECT CONCEPTION OF FAITH.

Now consider for a few moments the requirements for admission into the church of Christ. Faith is defined by standard dictionary authority as an intellectual assent to the truth of what God has revealed; also as a divinely wrought, loving, and hearty reliance upon God and his promise of salvation through Christ. Neither of these definitions differs greatly from the meaning of "belief," which is given by the same authority as follows: "A conviction or assurance of the truth, an actuality of anything on other grounds than clear perception or indisputable argument." Faith, to be sure, carries the added element of trust or confidence in God, but otherwise, according to this authority, it is closely synonymous with belief.

THE NATURE OF FAITH.

But this viewpoint is not satisfactory to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which holds with the Apostle Paul that faith is the *moving cause* of all action. It is more than a passive acceptance of the verity of a thing; it is a dynamic something that causes the individual to strive for the realization of the thing that he hopes for. In the ordinary pursuits of life this motivating agency is seen in the attitude of, say, the student who not only believes in the desirability of pursuing his ambition but who is willing to work unceasingly for its realization. There are untold numbers of individuals who are convinced of the excellence of a college education, but there are comparatively few who are

willing to put forth the effort required to obtain it. The student who possesses the necessary conviction and ambition is urged forward by something that the other students do not have. It may be called faith, or, perhaps better, vitalized conviction.

FAITH, VIGOROUS AND AGGRESSIVE.

Faith, as manifest in religion, is equally as vigorous and aggressive. It is not merely a persuasion that Jesus is the Christ; it is not merely a reliance upon God and his promises; it is an energizing conviction that produces good deeds. It is the thing that causes converts to sacrifice all, if needs be, for the cause of truth; it is the thing that carried the Utah Pioneers cheerfully across the plains; it is the thing that inspires the missionary in his labour; it is the thing that prompts men and women to do good everywhere. In brief it is the dynamic conviction of God's word to man.

The possessor of faith is therefore full of good deeds. He does not sit supinely by awaiting the day of God's gracious goodness but works unceasingly and intelligently for its early consummation. He is a good father; he is active in Church affairs; he is generous in his contributions; he is helpful to all men; and he is vigorously alert in support of the cause of truth.

FAITH, A REQUISITE TO PROGRESSION.

It is no wonder therefore that the applicant for admission to God's kingdom should be required to possess this inestimable gift. It is plainly evident that Deity regards an active membership as of prime importance, for those who do not possess the gift are excluded by his first requirement. Christ's attitude towards those who profess faith and have not works is set forth in the following words: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt 7 : 21.) Concerning those who had confessed belief in God, he said: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15 : 2.)

ENDURANCE OF FAITH.

Some have thought that when men become all-knowing, faith will be superseded by knowledge, but such is not the case. The time will never come when faith will cease to exist; otherwise, good works would fail and happiness would come to naught. Throughout the eternities of future time, faith will continue to encourage men onward and upward. Knowledge, on the other hand, is not characteristically a motivating force to proper conduct, as witness Lucifer's knowledge of the plan of salvation. Neither is belief always conducive to good deeds. Some of the Church's severest persecution has come from those who at some time or other have confessed belief in its principles. Then, too, there are vast numbers of honourable men and women who are convinced of the truth of Mormonism but who have never received the urge to become one with us. No, faith will never cease to exist. It was by faith that the world was made and by faith its future will be determined.

THE NATURE OF REPENTANCE.

Repentance is said to be a gift of God. It comes as a result of experience, and is a contrite desire for self-improvement. In a material way it is illustrated by the following. A merchant known to the speaker purchased a large shipment of flour under inflated market conditions at a price above that for which he subsequently sold it, and accordingly lost heavily on the transaction. Thereafter he could easily foresee that a repetition of this nature would result in his financial ruin, and accordingly decided to profit by his experience and exercise better judgment in the future. No elucidation is necessary to show the wisdom of such a decision. Improvement comes largely as a result of experience.

REPENTANCE, A FORE-RUNNER OF PROGRESSION.

Repentance of sin is not materially different. It consists of a frank admission of former mistakes and a sincere desire for future improvement. Lamentations repeated at accustomed intervals are likely to be perfunctory rather than real, and if so they are without avail. Above all, repentance must be sincere. The slightest element of hypocrisy is sufficient to render it ineffective. Repentance,

when genuine, is a forerunner of forgiveness, and as such is one of the choicest gifts of heaven.

It is plainly evident that without repentance man would not be a fit candidate for admission into the Kingdom of God, for in a satisfied, sinful condition progress would be impossible. An exultant bank clerk who had absconded with the institution's funds would be as ready for promotion as an impenitent sinner is ready for further blessings on the part of Deity. Both have rendered further progress impossible until they are sorry for the things they have done and strive for future improvement. But a truly repentant sinner is a fit subject for God's enduring mercy.

THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF BAPTISM.

Deity has said that the ordinance of baptism must be performed by immersing the entire body in water, also for a two-fold purpose, namely: the remission of sins and admission into the Church of Christ. The ordinance must also be performed by one holding the necessary authority. Very little has been revealed concerning the reasons for this requirement except the statement of the Saviour himself that "thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Why immersion is acceptable to the Lord, while pouring and sprinkling are not, does not appear to be known except that the Lord has so spoken. Neither is it understood why sins are forgiven through obedience to this ordinance, or likewise why it acts as an admittance to the Church. The Mormon church adheres to this practice because the Lord has commanded it.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Again Deity has given definite instruction concerning the manner in which the Holy Ghost shall be conferred. This is done by the laying on of hands of those who are in authority. At the same time the recipient is confirmed a member of the Church. The ceremony although simple is highly effective, as nearly every member of the Church will testify. The effects of the bestowal and confirmation are seldom startling or miraculous; they are best seen in the improved lives of those who are faithful in the performance of their duties. Little is known in regard to the reasons for the necessity of

this ordinance, except of course the commandment of the Lord concerning it.

FUTURE UNDERSTANDING.

As man advances in intelligence successively more of the present mysteries will become clear, and eventually he will know the reasons for all things. At present he is not unlike a little child, led homeward by an all-loving parent. Occasionally he recognizes the necessity for following certain paths but in the main he sees no reason even for the general route that is taken.

Deity, the director of human destiny, has announced that certain principles and ordinances must be complied with before man can enter the Church of Christ. While we do not claim to understand the basic reasons for all of these requirements, yet we have implicit trust in Him who made them. We know too that Deity does not make unnecessary requirements of his children. All of his commandments are based on invariable law, and therefore no individual can escape the necessity of complying with them. The laws of God are so completely universal in their application that they extend both to the living and to the dead, and are adapted to the capacity of all of his children, the weak as well as the strong.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP.

Mormonism therefore invites the co-operation of every child of God. It offers opportunities for growth through personal participation; it supplies means by which man can discharge his moral obligations to others; and it enables him to comply with the various principles and ordinances which God has provided for both the present and the future welfare of those who love him. A fitting injunction is that of the Master himself, "Come and see."

"IF YOU WANT A FRIEND, YOU MUST BE ONE."

If you want people to like you, you must like people. If you want people to enjoy being in your company, you must make being in your company a joyful experience. If you want people to be attracted to you, you must make yourself attractive physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

EVOLUTION, TRUE AND FALSE.

From *The Earth and Man*, by
Dr. James E. Talmage.

Evolution is true so far as it means development, and progress, and advancement in all the works of God; but many of the vagaries that have been made to do duty under that name are so vague as to be unacceptable to the scientific mind. At best, the conception of the development of man's body from the lower forms through evolutionary processes has been but a theory, an unproved hypothesis. Theories may be regarded as the scaffolding upon which the builder stands while placing the blocks of truth in position. It is a grave error to mistake the scaffolding for the wall, the flimsy and temporary structure, for the stable and permanent. The scaffolding serves but a passing purpose, important though it be, and is removed as soon as the walls of that part of the edifice of knowledge have been constructed. Theories have their purpose and are indispensable, but they must never be mistaken for demonstrated facts. The Holy Scriptures should not be discredited by theories of men; they cannot be discredited by fact and truth. Within the Gospel of Jesus Christ there is room and place for every truth thus far learned by man, or yet to be made known. The Gospel is not behind the times, on the contrary it is up-to-date and ever shall be.

It is natural for the young and immature mind to think that what to it is new must of necessity be new to the world. Comparatively inexperienced students are discovering from time to time apparent discrepancies between the faith of their fathers and the development of modern thought, and these they are apt to magnify and exaggerate, when as a matter of fact, their great-grandfathers met the same seeming difficulties and yet survived. Believe not those who assert that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is in any way opposed to progress or inconsistent with advancement.

Man is the child of God, he is born heir to boundless possibilities, the inheritor of the eternities to come. Among mortal beings, the law holds true that the posterity of each shall be after his kind. The child therefore may become like unto the parent; and man may yet attain the

rank of godship. He is born in the lineage of Deity, not in the posterity of the brute creation. Potentially he is greater and grander and more precious according to the arithmetic of God, than all the planets and suns of space. For him were they created; they are the handiwork of God; man is His son! In this world man is given dominion over a few things, it is his privilege to achieve supremacy over many things.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." (Psa. 19 : 1) Incomprehensibly grand as are the physical creations of the earth and space, they have been brought into existence as means to an end, necessary to the realization of the supreme purpose, which in the words of the Creator is thus declared:

"For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

It is decreed that this earth shall become a celestialized, glorified sphere; such is the revealed word. Science has nothing to say on the matter; it can neither refute nor prove. But the Lord, even God, hath spoken it—and so shall it be!

DON'T BE A KNOCKER.

Knocking is one of the easiest things in the world to do. It only takes a thimbleful of brains. And it is the cheapest and easiest way to attract attention. But it is a mighty expensive amusement. Everybody hates a knocker.

No man ever got very high by pulling other people down. The intelligent merchant does not knock his competitors. The sensible worker does not knock those who work with him. Don't knock your friends. Don't knock your enemies. Don't knock yourself.

Don't say cutting things. Speak pleasantly of everybody whether you are pleasantly disposed or not. Boost and you will be boosted. Knock and you will be knocked.—*Dr. Frank Crane (Liahona).*

SACRAMENT GEM for April 1933

We'll sing all hail to Jesus' name,
And praise and honour give
To Him who bled on Calvary's hill
And died that we might live.

FASTING AND FAST OFFERINGS.

By Elder George F. Richards, of the Council of Twelve Apostles.

I desire to call your attention, brethren and sisters, to the tithes and the fast offerings. Fasting and offerings have been associated closely always. I will read to you a few words from Isaiah on this subject. He goes on to tell that the people's fasting was not acceptable and tells why. Then he says:—

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.

The offerings, according to Isaiah, are naturally a part of the fast, and help to make the fast acceptable to the Lord. We ought to get that fixed in our minds. Malachi associates the offerings with the tithes as follows (Malachi, third chapter):

For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Fasting and Offerings Established.

Tithes, offerings and fasting—a restoration in these days. What does it mean? In the early rise of this Church there was established, as a restoration, this principle of fasting and giving offerings for the poor. One day each month was set apart. The members of the Church were asked to abstain from eating two meals of the three which they are accustomed to having, and to give the value of what they

would save by the fast, for the support of the poor. If we had observed this fully and faithfully, brethren and sisters, there would have been ample in the Church, from that fund alone, to take care of all who are in need of assistance.

If Strictly Observed.

Let us just see for a moment. The population of this Church is in the neighbourhood of 700,000; we will say 600,000. If all of the members of the Church had observed fully and faithfully this advice and counsel from the beginning see what it would mean. Estimating the average value of a meal at fifteen cents, two meals a day, thirty cents; for 600,000 people, \$180,000.00 a month. Think of it! Or \$2,160,000.00 per year! We have not always been as populous as we are now, but had we observed that obligation, all the poor would have been taken care of and there would have been an accumulating surplus for a time of emergency such as we are having to-day. It is a little thing out of which great things would come if we were doing our part. The Lord has planned it all right; the failure is on our part.

An Obligation Upon All.

So let us now, brethren and sisters, from this time forth observe the fast and the offerings. I realize that in many of the wards and stakes there are but very few who are in need of help. In fact, a bulletin issued from the Presiding Bishop's office on the 30th of June, this year, gives the information that seventy-five of the one hundred and four stakes are maintaining their poor from the offerings. That is very commendable, but in many of those stakes it requires but little to do this.

Instructions have gone from the Presiding Bishop's office, endorsed by the First Presidency, asking the bishops in wards where the offerings are not needed for the poor, to forward those offerings to the Presiding Bishop's office. I suppose that in many of the wards where there are very few if any poor, the people have felt that they did not need to give their offerings, perhaps they have not understood the plan, that a surplus of the ward offerings should be sent to the Presiding Bishop's office for distribution among those members of the Church who are in need. I am disposed not to find

fault with the people on that account. Perhaps the bishops have not realized the full significance of this advice and have not stressed among their people the importance of paying their offerings. The bishops ought to be more persistent in teaching the people, and the people more particular in observing this instruction.

The Presiding Bishopric and the Presidency of the Church have instructed bishops that where the offerings are not sufficient to take care of the poor they are at liberty to make requisition upon the Presiding Bishopric for the privilege of using a part of the tithing for this purpose. It will no doubt surprise you, brethren and sisters, when I tell you that last year, according to their reports, \$224,556.38 was drawn from the tithes of the Church for charity purposes. Is it important then that we observe our fast and our offerings, which would have obviated any calling upon the tithing fund for help?

In Regard to Tithing.

It was reported here by President Ivins yesterday that the Church is out of debt. That doesn't mean that there is no emergency and that we can let up on the payment of our tithes, brethren and sisters. The tithes are dropping off because of general adverse financial conditions and the poverty of the people. We do not ask those who have been and are full tithepayers, to pay more than a tenth of their interest and income. When they have done that they have done their full duty, so far as the tithing is concerned. But we do ask them to continue to pay their tithing as heretofore; and those who have only paid part tithing, to pay their tithing in full and those who have paid no tithing at all, to repent and pay their tithes to the Lord. If we obtain an exaltation in the kingdom of God we must observe and keep all the laws of God, and that includes the law of the tithe.

Doers of the Word.

There are too many of us, I fear, who are of the class that the Apostle James had in mind when he said:

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

I feel, brethren and sisters, that we as a people have need of being impressed with the necessity of doing as well as we

know, perhaps more than of being taught what we ought to do. We are a well-taught people and as a rule if we would do as well as we know all would be well with Zion.

RAPID GROWTH OF MORMON CHURCH—(Continued).

In commenting on this phenomenal growth of the Church, the eminent Dr. C. Luther Fry has said: "Government statistics show that the 'Mormon' Church is the most rapidly growing church in the world."

Furthermore he said: "Utah is more nearly one hundred per cent. Christian than any other state in the Union."

Dr. Fry also states: "The rapid growth of the 'Mormon' Church demonstrates a marked change in religious thinking of the American people."

If thinking men everywhere are accepting these principles, surely their testimonies demand your attention.

"And ye shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7 : 16.

INDUSTRY.

They are known everywhere for their industry and frugality. Hon. Franklin K. Lane, who was a member of the cabinet of President Woodrow Wilson, in an article published in the *National Geographical Magazine*, June, 1920, page 496, says: "Never speak disrespectfully of the Mormon Church. It has as law abiding, hard working, kindly a group of people in Utah as will be found anywhere this wide globe over."

PROSPERITY.

They have the highest percentage of home owners of any people in the world. The *Country Gentleman* for January 29, 1921, page 12, says: "Utah should be called the home owner state. Out of 25,662 farms in Utah, seven-eighths of them are operated by the owners."

Dr. Thomas Nixon Carver, Ph.D., of Harvard University, in a short address delivered at Salt Lake City, April 6, 1922, said: "I have been in this community (Utah) a number of times and I have frequently thought that here was the best place in the world to study the science and art of nation building in the field."

Prof. Richard T. Ely, the noted economist, says: "So far as I can judge from

what I have seen, the organization of the Mormons is the most nearly perfect which I have seen.

Resurrection of the Dead When Shall It Be?

By DR. JAMES E. TALMAGE

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The eventual resurrection of every soul who has lived and died on earth is a scriptural certainty. The resurrection consists of a literal and material re-embodiment of spirits, following their post-mortal experience in the spirit world, whether this shall have been the freedom and joy of Paradise or the restraint and remorse of the prison house. We are destined to exist through the eternities beyond the resurrection with spirit and body reunited. Only in such union is a fulness of glory, opportunity, and achievement possible.

Thus spake the Lord Jesus Christ to the Church in 1833: "*For man is spirit. The elements are eternal, and spirit and element, inseparably connected, receiveth a fulness of joy. And when separated, man cannot receive a fulness of joy.*" (Doctrine & Covenants 93:33-34).

The word of ancient Scripture affirms beyond any reasonable question or doubt that Jesus Christ, who has been exalted

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Marriages (20 nations)	8	14.3
Divorces per 100,000 (15 nations)	46	14
Illegitimate births (per 100,000 births)	74	8.7

MORTALITY OF INFANTS.

	States	Utah
	Listed	
Under one year	89	70
(Per 1,000 live births)		
U. S. Bureau of Census re-		

port on "Marriage and Divorce" for 1916:

U. S. Utah

Adultery as cause of divorce	11.5	1.4
Average rate of venereal diseases among first million examined for World War service (per 1,000)	29	8

The record of the Deseret Gymnasium of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City shows that of the hundreds of young men examined there is yet to be found one tainted with unclean diseases.

We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, we believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

JOSEPH SMITH.

WORD OF WISDOM.

Revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, February 27, 1833. (Doctrine and Covenants, Section 89.)

Reason for Revelation:

Behold, verily, thus sayeth the Lord unto you: In consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days, I have warned you and forewarn you, by giving unto you this word of wisdom by revelation.

Positive Teachings:

1. Eat meat sparingly.
2. Eat fresh fruit liberally.
3. Eat fresh and cooked vegetables regularly.
4. Eat grains (ground whole) in bread or cereal daily.
5. Drink water, fruit juices, grain extracts or milk in abundance.
6. Sleep regularly, from early evening to early morning.
7. Labour regularly and steadily with body and mind.
8. Secure a correct mental attitude—have faith, hope, and charity.
9. Seek and practice the truths of religion.

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When the Savior does so return, His body will be found to bear the marks of the cruel piercings received on Calvary; and He shall say: "*These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God.*" (Doctrine & Covenants 45:52).

The Eternal Father is likewise a Spirit tabernacled in an immortalized "body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's." (Doctrine & Covenants 130:22).

So shall it be with every one of God's spirit-children who has been born in flesh; he shall be resurrected in flesh; for, through the infinite Atonement, physical death is but a temporary separation of spirit from body.

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Moroni, a Nephite prophet who died about 420 A. D., appeared as a resurrected man to Joseph Smith in 1823, and at later times, and committed to the latter-day prophet the original record from which the Book of Mormon has been translated. (See Pearl of Great Price, p. 88).

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The Book of Mormon makes plain that the resurrection of both just and wicked shall precede the last judgment: "*And they [the dead] shall come forth, both small and great, and all shall stand before his bar, being redeemed and loosed from this eternal band of death, which death is a temporal death. And then cometh the judgment of the Holy One upon them.*" (Mormon 9:13-14).

No spirit shall remain disembodied longer than he deserves, or than is requisite to accomplish the just and merciful purposes of God. The resurrection of the just began with Christ; it has been in process and shall continue till the Lord comes in glory, and thence onward through the Millennium. The final resurrection, or that of the wicked, the resurrection to condemnation, is to be yet later.

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Table Showing Illiteracy in Groups.

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80-90	1.22	0.36
61-73	1.14	0.61
47-57	1.94	0.24
20-39	6.09	0.58

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Per Cent. Attending School at Various Ages.

AGE	7-13	14-15	16-17	18-20
Utah	95.5	93.7	71.4	24.7
U. S.	90.6	79.9	42.9	14.8

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Negative Teachings :

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4. Avoid refined foods.

Rewards of Word of Wisdom :

1. Health of body.
2. Mental efficiency.
3. Immunity from disease.
4. Spiritual joy and understanding.

From Eastern States Mission Tract.

SELF.

By Arthur Fagan, President Durban Branch.

Often one hears a man complain of adversity: covering a volume of set-backs and hardships in its course. Usually, as an excuse, he blames the lack of education; lack of influence; lack of friends; fate; bad luck.

How often do we hear him blame himself, for the sometime hardships which prevail at times? For, as a side-issue, I claim, that occasionally a person has no mental or physical control whatever anent alternating circumstances which are apt to overtake an individual, a community, or even a nation!

As an individual who has tasted of the bitter end of the stick—as the saying goes—and upon making a minute examination of my life, covering the past score years, I have come to the undeniable conclusion, that apart from international or national modification and adjustments of tariffs, which by the stroke of a pen may have an adverse or the opposite effects on thousands of families in different parts of the world; monopolization of markets, etc., that most of my personal set-backs in the afore-mentioned period can be traced direct to its source: and that source is SELF.

Since my conversion to the Mormon faith, which faith, teaching and practise, covers a multitude of real beautiful God given teachings for our temporal and spiritual well-being, I have found that in work or play, be it within the home; in the field, shop, office or studio, by putting into effect the teachings aforesaid, that advancement is the ultimate and only possible goal: since Mormonism is undoubtedly an everyday religion.

It has been said: "A religion which has not the power within its teachings to give temporal salvation, would lack the elements of the spiritual."

With such divinely given, health provoking truths which we have at our command—*vide* the instrumentality of a mere uneducated country yokel, though a divinely appointed Prophet, of the most High God, destined to become one, if not the most talked of man for the past hundred odd years throughout the universe of civilization—which has not only stood the test of time—the most convincing test, since time proves all things—but which has, during the past century received the blessings, so to speak, of Scientists, Dieticians, Physical Culturists and Philosophers, we have a mighty lot to be thankful for; for with the predicated blessings which must naturally follow (and say "naturally" since all blessings follow adherence to any irrevocable law) correct dieting, strict abstinence from alcohol, non-smoking, fast days and the other numerous Mormon teachings for the welfare of the physical being, an individual is left with little or nothing to complain of.

It certainly follows to my humble way of thinking, that following upon the detailed practice as outlined in the inspired teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, that the mind must materially be elevated in co-ordination with the healthful upliftment derived from such a practice.

Let us therefore live Mormon lives; do well; think well; and give of the best we can; not finding fault one with another, then the best that is within us will be as a beacon light.

With these characteristics we will indeed merit a higher estate.

"We are all diamonds in the rough; let the polished light of the Gospel reveal our beauty."

Existing conditions locally have spurred me into writing this article—I hope it will be acceptable and beneficial.

PROVIDING FOR THE POOR.

We submit the equitable Fast day plan of the Lord to the churches of the world as a wise and sympathetic way of providing for the poor. I say equitable, because it gives an opportunity for the contribution of much or little according to the position and standing of those who

contribute; and besides, it helps both the giver and the receiver. If the churches would adopt the universal monthly Fast ay, as observed by the Latter Day Saints, and devote the means saved during the day to the alleviation, blessing and benefit of the poor, and with a view to helping them to help themselves, there would soon be no poor in the land.

—PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

THE INSPIRATION OF AN IDEAL.

To the normal man an ideal is an inspiration, always stimulating him to more earnest endeavour. It is a need strongly felt, but a spiritual need. Ideals are quite as essential to the spiritual and moral life as is food essential to maintain physical life. A natural man will put forth great effort to maintain physical existence, and so also will a moral man put forth unusual effort to realize an object of desire which is essential to his existence as a progressive individual. It is not difficult to find examples of men who have died spiritually when their ideals were, for some reason or other, shattered. When men's hopes are gone, when their desires for better things vanish, then all serious effort goes also. They become intellectually, and morally, and spiritually dead. Ideals are an actual driving force to the normally intelligent man; and when ideals are gone, the will is crushed and the distinctive human power disappears.

We are not what we think we are, what we think, we are.

If you are right, you can afford to keep your temper. If you are wrong, you cannot afford to lose it.

If you have reached your ideals, then get new ones, because your ideals must be beyond your grasp.

True courage is that noble quality of mind which makes us forget how afraid we are.

Happiness is contentment put to action.

We cannot long remain spiritually alive, unless we partake of spiritual food.

It is in the order of heavenly things that God should always send a new dispensation into the world when men have apostatized from the truth and lost the priesthood; but when men come out and build upon other men's foundations, they do it on their own responsibility, without authority from God; and when the floods come and the winds blow their foundations will be found to be sand and their whole fabric will crumble to dust.

—JOSEPH SMITH.

FAST DAY, FAST OFFERINGS AND MORMON RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Relief Societies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in South Africa have resolved to encourage all they can, the observance of Fast Day (the first Sunday in the month) by fasting and prayer, and also by paying Fast Offerings themselves. Fast Offerings mean the amount saved by fasting one or two meals on the first Sunday of the month either in money or food. That which is saved by fasting is donated, offered and given for the use of the poor and needy, through the channels of the Church. Fast Offerings can be paid by anyone to the Elders or the Branch Presidencies who have matters in charge on Fast Sunday or any other convenient time. A receipt is given for the offering, the same as for tithing.

The Relief Societies have concluded that it is advisable to pay Fast Offerings whether the fast is kept or not, as some find great difficulty in fasting, but can afford to pay an offering, for the poor regularly each month.

The Relief Societies have also agreed to set Fast Day aside by fasting and praying for some purpose, either for the poor or unemployed, or some other deserving cause.

The following are words of the Lord in these the latter days. "Also, I give unto you a commandment, that you shall continue in prayer and fasting from this time forth." Doc. and Cov., Sec. 88; 76. Dated Dec. 27, 1832.

As to what constitutes an acceptable Fast Day observance is well set forth in the following from the late President Joseph F. Smith: "Now, while the law requires the Saints in all the world to fast from 'even to even,' and to abstain both from food and drink, it can easily

be seen from the scriptures quoted, and especially from the words of Jesus, that it is more important to obtain the true spirit of love for God and man, 'purity of heart and simplicity of intention,' than it is to carry out the cold letter of the law. Those who can, are required to comply thereto: it is a duty from which they cannot escape; but let it be remembered that the observance of the fast day by abstaining twenty-four hours from food and drink is not an absolute rule, it is no iron-clad law to us, but is left with the people as a matter of conscience, to exercise wisdom and discretion. Many are subject to weakness, others are in delicate health, and others have nursing babies; of such it should not be required to fast. Neither should parents compel their little children to fast. I have known children to cry for something to eat on fast day. In such cases going without food will do them no good. Instead, they dread the day to come, and in place of hailing it, dislike it; while the compulsion engenders a spirit of rebellion in them, rather than a love for the Lord and their fellows. Better teach them the principle, and let them observe it when they are old enough to choose intelligently, than to compel them.

"But those should fast who can, and all classes among us should be taught to save meals which they would eat, or their equivalent, for the poor." Era. Vol. 6, p. 148. D.

Baseball---Cumorah Wins !

A very successful season of Baseball closed last Saturday, the 11th, at Hartleyvale, Observatory, when the Cumorah team won the final match against the Nomads. This game held more exciting moments than any of the previous games between these two leading teams. Nomads held a margin of 9 runs to 4 in the seventh innings and it looked like they were sure to win when something happened and six runs were scored by Cumorah in the last two innings, while Nomads were shut out at their final time at bat. This victory for Cumorah may be taken as one of the best, because of the strong opponents they played against and the excellence of the play of the

Nomads.

The sportsmanship of the individual Nomad players, not to mention all the ball players of the Western Province, is commendable and the members of the Cumorah team are all happy to have been associated in this sport with the fine type of men found interested in Baseball in the Western Province.

It is to be hoped that Baseball will find many supporters next season which commences with the General Meeting in August and that it may receive impetus from all the sport-loving public.

Congratulations and thanks from the public are most certainly due to the Association's President Mr. I. N. Linnell, American Consul-General and the Vice-President Mr. Jack Bowie; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Percy Elliott; Mr. Gordon Moncrief, Treasurer; Mr. Charles Converse Vice U.S. Consul; Mr. G. W. Lyon, Dr. O. K. Allrick, Dr. D. M. Beach, Dr. R. C. Robinson, Dr. J. C. Neethling, Mr. Getz, Mr. Bowman and all other elected officers for their unselfish, useful and untiring efforts to make the game the grand success in South Africa that it has turned out to be and much gratitude to the players themselves should be forthcoming. Hurrah! for Baseball.

THE WORD OF WISDOM.

100 Years Old.

February 27 of this year 1933 marked the hundredth anniversary of the Revelation from the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith known to the world as the Word of Wisdom, which is included in the Doctrine and Covenants known as the 89th Section. The Doctrine and Covenants, by the way, is a volume of modern scripture comprising 136 Revelations from the Lord, of which 133 were given to the young man Joseph Smith, between the years 1823 and 1844. In this amazing piece of literature may be found words of wisdom for the dietary of any human being. Like the present time, when men's hearts fail them, they know not why, but not keeping the Word of Wisdom is surely the answer. Their dietary is not right. Poisons instead of perfect health-giving foods are daily used.

This modern bill of health can be ap-

plied in line to anyone without in the least jeopardising their health, pocket-book or social standing, and on the contrary can give to one these three things quicker than any other means. To the members of the Church there need be no preaching on this subject. They know they should keep sacredly the Word of Wisdom, and there is a reckless feeling about those who know they should do this thing and do not do it. However, destructive criticism and reproof do not get so far as constructive suggestion and love and it is to be hoped that those members of the Church who neglect to keep sacred this Revelation of the Lord, will see the wisdom of it and apply it in their lives.

Can it not be expected that soon this one good thing can be practised in the lives of the people? It is about the only way that the happiness hoped for can be really enjoyed.

Among the grandest monuments in life is the man or woman who can truthfully say he has never tasted tea or coffee, tobacco or liquor in any form, and has retained his or her virtue perfectly.

There is only one way it can be done, and that is to teach the child to do it, and do it from cradle to grave. A strict observance of the Word of Wisdom is the nearest and closest way of making perfect beings out of children after they grow up, and have them become the beautiful people they can become by strict observance of the Lord's will through living the Word of Wisdom. D.

Mission Membership Contest.

It is a delight to see the interest that is growing in the hearts of the people in regard to the Mission Membership Contest. Interest is being increased gradually, and soon it may easily be expected that people will become baptised due to the earnestness and good teachings of their friends or neighbours who happen to be in the Church. At a first glance, this contest may seem odd, but really down in the hearts of every member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints there is a firm testimony that is unshakable, and it has made them happy. At least made them more happy if they

have lived up to the teachings of the Gospel than they ever have been in their lives. Therefore, it may be taken to follow that they hope for others to enjoy the same happiness. After all, that is a sweet way to live one's life—not even selfishness with happiness. That is the way the members of the Mormon Church look at things. Life is no greater to them than living the Gospel, and one part of living the Gospel is to teach it to others by word, act, example and a long life of goodness.

So well we may believe that this Membership Contest, which is in its third month, will be one of the greatest events ever held in South Africa.

New membership names and nominations will appear in next issue. D.

CONCERT RECITATIONS FOR APRIL, 1933.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE CLASS.

Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.

If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming.

(Doctrine and Covenants, Section 2.)

MISSIONARY CLASS.

Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them. (Doc. and Cov., Section 58; 27, 28.)

NEW TESTAMENT CLASS.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (Matt. 7 : 12.)

CHURCH HISTORY CLASS.

Third verse of "Come, Come Ye Saints."

PRIMARY AND KINDERGARTEN.

"Jesus, friend of little children,

Be a friend to me;

Take my hand and ever keep me

Close to thee."

WALTER J. MATHAMS.

MISSION NEWS.

CAPE DISTRICT.

Elder Harold H. Smith, District President,
"Cumorah," Main Road, Mowbray.

Meetings held at above address, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 7-0 p.m.; Mutual, Tuesdays, 7-30 p.m.; Relief Society and Priesthood Meeting, Thursdays, 7-45 p.m.

We are happy to note that Brother Joseph Jubber, of the Shangani Branch, was baptized February 25, by his Brother William A. Jubber, and confirmed by his father, Walter T. Jubber. We welcome Brother Joseph into the Church. Brother William has been home for a few days from his work in the fever infected sections and has been very much blessed in that he has not been troubled with the malady at all. We are happy to note the work of these good people and the spirit of the Gospel which they maintain despite the fact that they do not have the Missionaries and other members to encourage them in Southern Rhodesia.

The work at the Strand is going nicely. As in the other branches of the district a social was held during the week for the special commemoration of the anniversary of the Revelation of the Word of Wisdom. Many friends and members were in attendance, including Mr. and Sister Phillips from Paarl. On Sunday, March 12, the following officers were sustained to fill vacancies that have occurred in the branch: Bro. P. J. Coetzee 2nd Counsellor in the Branch Presidency, Bro. Bertram E. Phillips Superintendent of the Sunday School with Sister Mary Jakins as his first assistant.

During the past month Elder Stanford G. Smith and Bro. John Wilson, who was ordained an Elder, February 20, made a trip into the Country sections of the Cape without purse or scrip. They report a very good trip with many visits to members and friends in the parts where they went.

Cumorah won the last baseball game of the Season against the Nomads. The game was one of interest and very closely contested.

Bro. W. P. Daniels, President of the Branch of Love, has been seriously ill during the past few weeks with his heart and neuritis. He has been ordered by the Doctor to go back to Stellenbosch, the place of his birth, to rest and recuperate.

Bro. T. Y. Wilson is touring the country as sales manager of Belfast Shirt Company.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT.

Elder Eldon Harris, District President, 395,
Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

Meetings held at above address, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 10-30 a.m. and 7-30 p.m.

On February 25, the Johannesburg Branch Sunday School held a very interesting social. The programme was furnished by the Sunday School children and their friends. The Superintendency have promised to arrange like socials for the children each month if they, the children, maintain a satisfactory attendance at the Sunday School.

Numerous friends were entertained at a successful social given by the Relief Society, February 28.

Cottage meetings have been held at the homes of Sister Mary E. Vice and Mrs. S. Hoffman.

Friends, including the Elders, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hellyar in honour of their daughter, Sister Eileen, who recently turned twenty-one.

Arend A. J. C. Deiprink was baptized in the Hennoks River, Pretoria, on February 17, by Elder Albert E. Clarkson, and confirmed the same day by Elder Richard Knight. We welcome Bro. Deiprink into the Church.

Keen interest has been taken in the material proof of the Book of Mormon of late as is indicated by the fact that the Lantern Lecture on the Subject has been given four times in the District as follows:—at the homes of Bro. A. C. Brummer, Mr. Chamberlains, Bro. Karl Kunitz, all of Pretoria, and Mr. Kelly in Johannesburg. Others should take the opportunity as the lecture is not only interesting but also very informative.

The District Elder's semi-monthly report meetings are held alternately in Pretoria and Johannesburg.

Bro. and Sister F. J. Spear, of Premier mine, have moved to Johannesburg.

Bro and Mrs. David Banfield are the proud parents of a baby boy, born February 8, at the Jeppe Nursing Home. He is to be named after his father David Patrick Banfield.

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT.

**Elder Marcus F. Smith, District President,
3, Cuyler Street, Port Elizabeth.**

Meetings held in the Mechanic Hall, No. 9, Donkin Street, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 7-0 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7-45 p.m.

Brother R. Bradfield Jankins arrived in Port Elizabeth on Thursday, February 9, to commence his active labours as a full-time missionary in the P.E. District.

Brother Pervical John Gunn was baptized by Elder Marcus F. Smith at North End beach on Saturday, February 18, and was confirmed a member of the Church the following day by Elder Smith.

On February 26, Sister Florence E. Smith was set apart as counsellor in the Relief Society and Sister Margaret Neave Millan was set apart as secretary of the Sunday School. These sisters are both enthusiastic workers and will be a source of strength to these auxiliary organizations.

NATAL DISTRICT.

**Elder Ervin MacArthur, District President,
64, Brand Road, Durban.**

Meetings held at Patlansky Studio, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 7-30 p.m.; Relief Society, Wednesday at 7-50 p.m.

On Sunday, February 12, the Durban Branch Presidency was organized for the first time. Brother Arthur Fagan was made the President with Bro. John Moore as his Counsellor and Bro. Arthur Dunbar as Branch Clerk. This organization is being made in a very good time and with very good men, and the result should be a very great increase in the activity and development in the Branch.

A branch of the Relief Society was organized February 1, in Jacobs with Sister Sweeney, President; Sister Annie Wade, 1st Counsellor; and Sister Thelma Wade, 2nd Counsellor and Secretary. Much is expected of this organization.

Sister Amy Walker is now rapidly recovering from an operation which she underwent on February 17.

Mr. Marsburg, an earnest investigator of the Gospel, passed away at the Addington Hospital on February 24.

Bro. John Moore was ordained a Priest on February 12, under the hands of Elder Ervin MacArthur.

Bro. and Sister C. A. Smith report the arrival of a baby daughter on the 24th February.

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